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*Empowering Communities  
Changing Lives.*

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Columbia Urban League, I am writing today to urge you to support AT&T's recently announced merger with T-Mobile. The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and societal mainstream. Technology is one of the best ways to achieve this goal, and we are confident the combined assets of AT&T and T-Mobile will immensely aid that goal.

The combined capabilities of AT&T and T-Mobile will improve and expand mobile network capacity, offering greater reliability in our service areas of the City of Columbia, Fairfield, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter counties of South Carolina. In our work, we are often witness to the obstacles minority Americans face when trying to access mobile broadband and its associated benefits. This deal would help extricate the barriers keeping our members from attaining these benefits, working towards the end of the digital divide.

Please support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, which will help Columbia bridge the digital divide and expand opportunity for many minorities in Columbia and across South Carolina.

Sincerely,

  
James T. McLawhorn, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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